

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 42 and 43 have been amended. Claims 42 and 43 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 42 and 43 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukamoto et al. (US 2002/0048033) (hereinafter "Tsukamoto") in view of the Applicants Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA") and further in view of Kanno (US 6,252,609) (hereinafter "Kanno").

Claims 42 and 43

Claims 42 and 43 recite: "...if the execution file in the portable storage unit is not executable, the processor displays a message via operation panel unit a message that the execution file in the portable storage unit cannot be executed..." Support for this amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0030] and [0031] of the specification.

As noted in the Office Action, the primary reference Tsukamoto does not discuss displaying, via an operation panel unit, messages. Instead the Office Action relies on Kanno to show this feature, and specifically relies on 10:14-10:36 of Kanno.

In Kanno, a copier has a card holder 401 into which an IC card 402 is inserted, and an EEPROM 501 for storing data read in from the IC card 402. The IC card 402, on which PGA internal data has been stored, is inserted into the card holder 401 so that the stored content is read by the CPU 112, the read content (PGA internal data) is written to the EEPROM 501, and the PGA internal data is then downloaded to the corresponding PGA that has been selected. In Kanno, when the IC card 402 storing functions desired by the user is inserted into the card holder 401, a list of the functions that have been stored on the IC card are displayed on the display screen of the control panel 114. The user selects the necessary functions from this list. Data conforming to the tendency of function use by a specific user can be stored on the IC collectively beforehand in the manner of an "Office Function Set" or "Designer Function Set", etc. Kanno, 10:5-10:24 and Figures 6 and 7.

As shown above, although Kanno discusses listing functions that have been stored on the IC card on the display screen of the control panel 114, Kanno does not discuss the feature of claims 42 and 43 of if the execution file in the portable storage unit is not executable, displaying via an operation panel unit, a message that the execution file in the portable storage unit cannot

be executed. Instead, Kanno only discusses displaying a list of the functions that have been stored on the IC card, regardless of whether these functions can actually be executed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 42 and 43 patentably distinguish over Tsukamoto, the AAPA and Kanno.

This technical feature of claims 42 and 43 solves the problem in the conventional art where communication with an external apparatus having a new interface that is not installed in the printer cannot be performed.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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